

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND VETERANS RELATIONS

April 23, 2008

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Daley, Gorman, Maldonado, Murphy, Peraica, Schneider and Sims (11)

Absent: Commissioners Claypool, Collins, Goslin, Moreno, Quigley and Steele (6)

Also Present: Derek Blaida - Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental and Veterans Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the hour of 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

293355 STATUS OF PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT EFFECT THE SERVICES OF COOK COUNTY (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the County's government relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the General Assembly and the U.S. Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislative bodies on the relevant proposed legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations Committee be convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 to discuss the status of pending legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President's Office government relations staff and hired lobbyists including Mr. Stephen Morrill and Mr. Richard Boykin of Barnes & Thornburg, appear before the Committee meeting and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the U.S. Congress that effects Cook County's services and operations.

* **Referred to the Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations Committee on April 9, 2008.**

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri moved to approve Communication Number 293355.

Derek Blaida, Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, provided an informational review of bills pending in the 2008 Illinois General Assembly that affect the County (see Attachment #1).

Chairman Suffredin recessed the Committee to the call of the Chair.

The meeting reconvened that afternoon following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled County Board Meeting.

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

On the motion to approve, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 293355

Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Legislation,
Intergovernmental and Veterans
Relations

Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

** The audio recording for this meeting is available from the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.